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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: UNESCO: ISRAELI COMMENTS ON AGENDA CHANGE
FOR 104TH SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

REF: TEL AVIV 5521

1. ALTHOUGH WE DO NOT DISCOUNT THE POSSIBILITY THAT PRIMOR AND GUILADI'S INSTINCTS MAY BE RIGHT, WE WISH TO POINT OUT THAT IT WOULD BE COMPLETELY OUT OF ORDER FOR THE EXECUTIVE BOARD TO TAMPER IN ANY WAY WITH THE REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL'S EXPERTS WHO VISITED ISRAEL AND THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES. THESE MEN WERE APPOINTED BY THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL PERSONALLY, AND THEY ARE TO REPORT BACK TO HIM THROUGH THEIR CHAIRMAN, AND NOT THROUGH THE EXECUTIVE BOARD, WHICH HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH THEIR VISIT. THEY ARE REPORTING ON WHAT THEY SAW, HEARD AND LEARNED.

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2. WE KNOW THAT THE VIEWS OF THE INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS WERE SO WIDELY DIVERGENT THAT THERE IS A REAL PROBLEM IN PRODUCING A COMPOSITE REPORT. AT ONE POINT, THEY WANTED TO SUBMIT SEPARATE STATEMENTS, BUT THE DG INSISTED ON A SINGLE REPORT, EVEN THOUGH IT MIGHT HAVE FOOTNOTES STATING INDIVIDUAL OBJECTIONS ON SPECIFIC ELEMENTS.

3. JOHN KABORE (UPPER VOLTA) , DEPUTY ASSISTANT
DIRECTOR-GENERAL FOR COOPERATION AND EXTERNAL RELATIONS,
IS THE SOLE SECRETARIAT OFFICIAL OTHER THAN THE DG WHO
HAS CONTACT WITH THE TEAM. HE TOLD US THIS MORNING THAT
THE REPORT IS NOT COMPLETE, THAT HE DOES NOT KNOW WHEN
IT WILL BE COMPLETE, AND IN ANY EVENT IT IS NOT SUBJECT
TO THE NORMAL PROCESS FOR DRAWING UP A REPORT IN WHICH
THE SECRETARIAT IS INVOLVED. THE SECRETARIAT, EXCEPT
FOR HIMSELF AND THE DG, HAS NO ROLE IN THE MATTER. IT
IS ALL BEING HANDLED BETWEEN THE CHAIRMAN OF THE TEAM
AND THE OTHER MEMBERS.

4. WE WILL KEEP ALERT FOR CHANGES IN THE PICTURE, AND
WILL STAY IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH ISRAELI PERMREP JOFFE.
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